



Estimados miembros del Comité de Servicios Humanos de Connecticut:

Hola mi nombre es Yanira Lopez soy lider del comite de Lucha en MRCT, Soy un Madre y residente de Bridgeport desde hace 16 mese Soy *Inmigrante de Honduras*

**Yo Estoy a favor de SB 284: UNA LEY DE AUMENTO DE LA EDAD DE 8 A 18 AÑOS PARA LA ASISTENCIA MÉDICA DE LOS NIÑOS SIN IMPORTAR SU CONDICIÓN MIGRATORIA.**

Porque como madre el que mi hijo de 16 mesee y hija de 9 anos tengan un doctor primario o la opcion de llevarlos a doctor cunado lo necesiten ,es muy importante que tengan cuidado de salud .

Pero com madre indocumnetada a sido un reto inmenso no poder acceder a cuidado salud porque mis Hijos y yo no calificamos para un seguro medico ni escala de descuento o bajo ingreso porque no tengo todos los requisitosnecesarios .Recien llegada a Bridgeport mi hijo estaba mal con gripe ,tos y fiebre porque es pre-asmatico y tiene problemas de tiroide fui al centro comunitario de southwest y no me atendieron porque no era paciente de alli y que tenia aplicar para escala descuento y no tenia los requisitos adecuados ,Lo mismo me dijeron en optimun que me dieron cita dentro 3 meses para llevar documentos y ver si calificaba lo cual no califico porque no tengo todos los requisitos para aplicar a escala descuento ni otro seguro .

Mi Hijo 16 mese se me agravo mas que fue necesario llevarlo a emergencia porque no podia respirar y necesitaba ayuda urgente ,lo que me atendieron en emergencia tenia ataque de asma y salio positivo con covid-19 ,infeccion garganta . Lo cual recivi el servicio y mi hijo esta bien pero no puede tener un doctor primario para que le de seguimiento a su problema y tengo 2 facturas del Hospital que me estan llamado para pague ,algo que no pued costear ahora .

Como Madre vivo a diario en suspenso y estres de que uno de mis dos hijos o yo nos enfermemos y no pueda costear la citas medicas ,recetas medicas o referidos para dar seguimiento a su condicion .Dar acceso medico a nuestros niños es importante porque de eso depende su vida especialmenete para los ninos que tienen una condicion cronica y enmedio de pandemia porque son los más vulnerables a las consecuencias son graves hasta perser su vida .

Yo les pido a todos Nuestros Represenatntes y senadores de legislacion que piensen un momento y tomen el lugar de todos los padres como yo que tenemos hijos menores de 18 anos que no puedes tener un seguro medico por nuestro estatus migratorio .YO Apoyon el proyecto de ley SB 284 y espero que la comisión voté favorablemente para Nuestros hijos tengan el derecho de ver y adquirir un seguro medico para el bienestar de todas las familias de nuestra comunidad de CT .

Gracias por tu tiempo,

Yanira Lopez



Dear members of the Connecticut Human Services Committee:

Hello, my name is Yanira Lopez, I am the leader of the Fight Committee at MRCT, I am a mother and a resident of Bridgeport for 16 months. I am an immigrant from Honduras.

**I am in favor of SB 284: A LAW TO INCREASE THE AGE FROM 8 TO 18 YEARS FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN REGARDLESS OF THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS.**

Because as a mother, the fact that my 16-month-old son and 9-year-old daughter have a primary care doctor or the option of taking them to a doctor when they need it, it is very important that they have health care they need.

But as an undocumented mother, it has been a huge challenge not being able to access health care because my children and I do not qualify for medical insurance or scale Discount or low income because I do not have all the necessary requirements. Just arrived in Bridgeport my son was sick with the flu, cough, and fever because he is pre-asthmatic and has thyroid problems. I went to the southwest community center and they did not attend to me, because I was not a patient there and I had to apply for a discount scale and did not have the appropriate requirements. They told me the same thing in the optimum center that they gave me an appointment in 3 months to bring documents and see if I qualified, which I do not qualify because I do not have all the requirements to apply for a discount scale or other insurance. My 16-month-old son got worse than it was necessary to take him to the emergency room because he couldn't breathe and needed urgent help, what they treated him for in an emergency had an asthma attack and he tested positive for covid-19, throat infection. I received the service and my son is fine but he cannot have a primary doctor to follow up on his problem and I have 2 bills from the Hospital that they are calling me to pay, something that I cannot afford now.

As a Mother, I live daily in suspense and stress that one of my two children or I get sick and cannot afford medical appointments, prescriptions, or referrals to follow up on their condition.

Giving medical access to our children is important because Their lives depend especially on children who have a chronic condition and are in the middle of a pandemic because they are the most vulnerable and the consequences can be serious and even can lose their lives.

I ask all our Legislative Representatives and Senators to think for a moment and take the place of all parents like me who have children under the age of 18 who cannot have health insurance because of our immigration status. I Support the bill SB 284 and I hope the commission will vote in favor of Our children having the right to see and get health insurance for the well-being of all kids and families in our CT community.

Thanks for your time,  
Yanira Lopez